



ARMY MEDICINE | DPA SENDS

September 1, 2021

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. The Army Surgeon General, LTG R. Scott Dingle, "TSG SENDS: COVID-19 and Army Medicine" messages from this week are included for your awareness. Please read!

- **TSG SENDS - COVID-19 and Army Medicine 86 (August 27, 2021)**

COVID-19 Information:

- Army Medicine COVID-19 Hotline: **1-800-984-8523 or DSN 312-421-3700**
- Army: **www.army.mil/coronavirus**
- APHC: **<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/campaigns/covid19>**
- CDC Web Page: **www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html**
- DoD Web Page: **www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus**
- Health.mil Web Page: **<https://health.mil/News/In-the-Spotlight/Coronavirus>**
- TRICARE Web Page: **<https://tricare.mil/coronavirus>**

Army Medicine

STRATEGIC VISION

SEPTEMBER OBSERVANCES

National Suicide Prevention Month
9/11 Patriot Day - 20th Anniversary - Sept 9
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
5-11 Suicide Prevention Week
15 Sep National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

UPCOMING EVENT

ARMY MEDICINE WEEK IN REVIEW

ARTICLES

1. Reserve officer takes oath at BJACH (August 27) **www.dvidshub.net/news/404233/reserve-officer-takes-oath-bjach**
2. Juliana's Gift: the Gift of Time (August 27) **www.dvidshub.net/news/404224/julianas-gift-gift-time**
3. KAHC receives 2021 Environmental Sustainability Award (August 27) **www.army.mil/article/249746/lyster-offers-additional-vaccine-dose-for-immunocompromised**
4. Surf's Up! Adaptive Surfing Program Helps Recovering Soldiers Ride Waves (August 26) **www.dvidshub.net/news/403987/surfs-up-adaptive-surfing-program-helps-recovering-soldiers-ride-waves**
5. Soldier Recovery Unit Cadre and Staff Train to Keep Skills Sharp (August 26) **www.dvidshub.net/news/403980/soldier-recovery-unit-cadre-and-staff-train-keep-skills-sharp**
6. Lyster offers additional vaccine dose for immunocompromised (August 26) **www.dvidshub.net/news/404042/kahc-receives-2021-environmental-sustainability-award**
7. LRMC obstetrics team aids in Afghan evacuee birth (August 25) **www.army.mil/article/249691/lrmc-obstetrics-team-aids-in-afghan-evacuee-birth**
8. Augusta Market strengthens DoD's medical readiness, promises better patient experience (August 25) **www.dvidshub.net/news/403954/augusta-market-strengthens-dods-medical-readiness-promises-better-patient-experience**
9. ER Nurse with a Heart of Gold (August 25) **www.dvidshub.net/news/403872/er-nurse-with-heart-gold**

Resilient Leader Webinar

Suicide Awareness & Prevention: "The Journey of Loss and Pain Toward Hope and Purpose"

9/09/2021 13:30 EDT

Presented by Ms. Carla Wiggins
For the MEDCOM Spouses

[Click Here to Join](#)



The Surgeon General and Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command (USA MEDCOM), requests the pleasure of your participation in the USA MEDCOM Resilient Leader Webinar. This month, Ms. Carla Wiggins is presenting "Suicide Awareness & Prevention", occurring for the USA MEDCOM Spouses on Thursday, 9th of September at 1330 EDT. (please plan to connect to the meeting link 10-mins prior to the starting time). This live stream supports The Surgeon General's Line of Effort 2, "Readiness". Please save the date and join together for a time of community building.

To view the invitation for this virtual event, please click the link below.

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=614690&k=0460460F7257>

To attend the live stream for this virtual event, please choose one of the channels below. If you are unable to click on the link, please copy and paste the address into your web browser. If the link is not working, try another browser or turn off your VPN.

Meeting Link(Fully can access the PPT slide)

Zoom.Gov

Meeting ID: 160 061 3357

Passcode: RLW

Conference call numbers are attached in the invitation (No visual aid and limited participation)

Contact Information

If you have any issues viewing this invitation, please contact **Mr. Taegon Jay Lee** at (708) 833-2115 or taegon.lee.ctr@mail.mil

MEDCOM Spouse / Family Programs point of contact is **Ms. Patty Centeno** at (210) 466-5968 or patricia.a.centeno.civ@mail.mil

MEDCOM Resilient Leader Series point of contact is **COL (CH) Ron Cooper** at (210) 466-5991 or ronald.e.cooper10.mil@mail.mil

Army Medicine Family,

This week, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin directed all service members (active duty, Reserve and National Guard) to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Austin said, "To defend this Nation, we need a healthy and ready force. After careful consultation with medical experts and military leadership, and with the support of the President, I have determined that mandatory vaccination against coronavirus disease 2019 is necessary to protect the Force and defend the American people." More information on the Army's plan for COVID-19 vaccination of Soldiers will be provided when it is available.

The situation in Afghanistan continues to evolve and Army Medicine is ready, if needed, to deploy and support the Joint Force. We will continue to ensure that our medical personal, the Total Army Medicine Force, are a ready medical force. I thank you, for all that you do to keep Army Medicine ready. This week, a LRMC RN, CPT Erin Brymer, delivered a baby on board an aircraft evacuating people from Afghanistan. To see her story: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/23/europe/afghanistan-evacuation-flight-birth-scli-intl/index.html>

I also want to congratulate the winners of the Mercury Awards for 2020. The Mercury Awards celebrate AMEDD personnel who have made significant contributions and demonstrated outstanding excellence and achievement in Health Information Technology. The awards recognize the critical nature of effective information sharing and technology in mission accomplishment. The winners are:

HIT Officer of the Year: Major Pablo Cercenia

HIT Civilian of the Year: Mr. Wilson Trehan

HIT Team of the Year: VITAL-T (Virtual Inspection and LINKUP in Theater) under the leadership of Colonel Karen Smith, Director of Patient Safety



This week Victor Marx presented the Chaplain's "Resilient Leader Seminar." He is a remarkable individual who has helped orphans and widows with missions to Iraq, Syria, North Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central America. "Resiliency," he said, "is more than enduring. It is taking a hit, taking a breath, and coming back up. That's how you build resiliency. It's not just through will, it's not just going through difficult times, with it you have to have hope."

Also, retired LTC Pete Kilner, Ph.D., of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, U.S. Military Academy, presented "Ethics and Character Development: Solutions for Behavioral Problems." I want to extend my thanks to Victor and Pete for their contributions to making us better at what we do. Their advice helps us to become stronger people and better leaders.

Finally, I want to highlight our Resource Management (RM) Team for conducting their FY22 virtual training which helped to improve efficiency by educating on updated funding models and methodologies. The theme was "Service Integration" focused on the separating of responsibilities between Army and DHA, including which appropriations to use for mission sets and understanding revised reporting requirements. The training helped to ensure MEDCOM's organizational and operational alignment with Military Health System changes, communicated information regarding new financial systems and tools as a result of mandates within the NDAA, and educated RM leaders to fund those activities at MTFs that sustain readiness.

Continue to stay safe. We need each and every one of you. You Matter. Thank you for all that you do!

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